to the wolves. Critics of the union should remember that it has averted bloody conflicts despite the activities of *agents-provocateurs.* When the trade union leaders were telling the workers to refrain from striking till the Report of the Enquiry Committee was published, persons went round the mills suggesting a general strike and saying that the union was the tool of the Congress Government. Some time ago the communalists tried to make a split by bringing out a Muslim League green flag, but the workers pointed to their red flag and said that the blood which had dyed it red was not communal! But in the present general strike the Muslim League is vying with the Congress in assisting the strikers with food and money.

If communal tension is to be lessened, the Congress will have to mark its steps very carefully. There must be no attempt to dictate in matters of language or culture. Such freedom need not lead to disunity; e.g. in U.S.S.R. there is the fullest freedom of language and culture for the various races which make up the Union. The Congress must do all in its power to disabuse those who think it merely the instrument of Hindu domination.[1] It is unfortunate that in some parts the leading Congressmen are also ardent Arya Samajists. The policy of pushing Hindi as an all-Indian idiom annoys the Muslims. Actually a simple Hindustani can be written in either Urdu or Nagri, and there is a vast deal to be said for the substitution of Roman script* It has many practical advantages; it will cheapen the cost of vernacular textbooks and facilitate the learning of European languages. Thfe CoDigress President has expressed his sympathy with it, but it is not likely that Indian nationalism is ready to accept it, though it has been adopted in Turkey and parts of China and for new alphabets in U.S.S.R.

[1] The Muslim League professes to find little difference between the Congress and the Hindu Mahasabhal